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AN EXTENDED LIFE SPUTTER  
TARGET ASSEMBLY AND  
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This is in response to the Official Action issued June 16, 2006. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a three-month extension of time are attached making this Reply due on December 16, 2006. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith.

Remarks appear on Page 2 of this paper.